

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-24, 26-28, and 30-43 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 30, 34 and 42 have been amended as shown on pages 2-9 of the Reply. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-24, 26-28, and 43 are allowed. The Examiner states that claims 31-33 and 35-41 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rejections to base claims were resolved. Accordingly, claims 30 and 34 (from which claims 31-33 and 35-41 depend respectively) have been amended and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 42 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 42 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendment to this claim.

II. Rejection of Claims 30 and 34 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to certain informalities. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments to the subject claims.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP324US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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